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RANCHO SAN DIEGO BRANCH LIBRARY TO REOPEN

April 14 Set for Reopening; Repair Work Completed

The Rancho San Diego branch of the San Diego County Library will reopen Monday, April 14 at 10 a.m., County officials have announced. The branch was temporarily closed Feb. 25, after library staff noticed cracks in the building's ceiling beams. County officials decided to close the building in an abundance of caution and worked with the building's architect and general contractor to determine the cause of the problem.

Repairs included the installation of a second set of metal truss tie rods, which match the existing architectural style.

"County staff, the project's architects and contractor worked diligently to solve the problem and reopen the library as quickly as possible. Repairs and building inspection have been completed and the building deemed structural safe and sound," said County Supervisor Dianne Jacob, whose Second District includes Rancho San Diego Library, 11555 Via Rancho San Diego, in El Cajon.

The \$5.2 million library opened April 20, 2002. The building itself is 19,500 square feet, and it includes an Incredible Cheesecake café near the building entrance.

The designer and general contractor have worked cooperatively with the County to resolve the problem. County officials said the original warranty on the building is still in effect, and repairwork was covered under the warranty.

The Rancho San Diego Library will resume its regular schedule, which is Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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